

As Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, I have joined Congressional Democrats in announcing our new initiative “Make it in America”. This plan seeks to promote competitiveness and increased opportunities for the American manufacturing sector across the world.

Here in Connecticut, I am dedicated to pushing this effort. Recently I have invited foreign diplomats to our state to visit our local businesses and learn about the products they produce and also partnered with the U.S. Department of Commerce Connecticut Office to host meetings for small business owners to meet with high ranking officials and federal trade representatives to discuss new initiatives that can benefit their company.

### **“Make it in America and Sell it Around the World’**

This plan seeks to boost American manufacturing, by closing tax loopholes that encourage outsourcing, providing support to small business seeking increase their exporting power, and focusing on making America a global leader in clean energy and green manufacturing.

The House has recently passed [several bills](#) addressing the trade imbalance, aiding clean energy technology firms so that they can compete at home and abroad, and directing federal and state officials to develop a manufacturing-boosting strategy every four years.

The agenda will help businesses to do what OnSite Oil and Gas Systems of Newington has done-expand and create local jobs. Three years ago, OnSite did all of its business domestically, but since expanding to international markets OnSite now receives one third of its annual revenue from foreign markets. This growing company expects to see further increases in their total sales when the US economy recovers and domestic markets return to their full strength.

Connecticut exports have risen 16% so far in 2010. As the domestic markets for many Connecticut products have shrunk in recent years, state companies have found success in expanding to markets in Europe, Asia and South America as a way to get through our recent economic recession.

If the increases continue at this pace every year, Connecticut will exceed its share of [President Obama's goal to double US exports over the next five years](#)

OnSite, and other manufacturers across the state are examples of what Connecticut manufacturers can achieve by exporting. House Democrats are already at work to make it easier for American companies to take advantage of foreign markets. Already, our private sector has created 136,000 manufacturing jobs since the beginning of this year.

### **Goal- Create jobs and Boost our Economy**

The end goal is simple-create secure, good-paying, middle-class jobs for workers in Connecticut and across our nation and enhance our local economy.

With millions of Americans still out of work, however, there is more to be done.

By strengthening American manufacturers at home and increasing their opportunities for exporting abroad, the Make it in America agenda will create jobs and help companies to reach the same success that OnSite, and many other Connecticut employers and manufacturers have already seen.